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SUBJECT: MUSHROOM DATA

1. PER YOUR REQUEST TODAY, DATA COMPILED BY THE CROP REPORTING BOARD, U.S.D.A., ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF U.S. FRESH MUSHROOM PRODUCTION BETWEEN SALES TO THE FRESH MARKET AND SALES TO DOMESTIC MUSHROOM PROCESSERS ARE INDICATED BELOW:

SALES BY TYPE AND PERCENT OF TOTAL
(IN MILLION POUNDS, FRESH-WEIGHT BASIS)
MARKETING SALES TO SALES TO TOTAL PRODUCTION OF
YEAR FRESH MARKET PROCESSORS ALL MUSHROOMS

 1977/78
 191 (48)
 208 (52)
 399

 1976/77
 151 (44)
 196 (56)
 347

 1975/76
 142 (46)
 168 (54)
 310

 1974/75
 126 (42)
 173 (58)
 299

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1973/74 102 (37) 177 (63) 279 1972/73 77 (30) 177 (70) 254

PERCENT OF TOTAL IS IN PARENTHESES

2. NOTE THAT ABOVE DATA ARE IN TERMS OF FRESH-WEIGHT POUNDS. ONE DRAINED WEIGHT POUND OF MUSHROOMS IS EQUIVALENT TO

1.358 FRESH WEIGHT POUNDS. ALSO, ONE STANDARD CASE OF MUSHROOMS IS EQUIVALENT TO 24 DRAINED WEIGHT POUNDS. NOTE THAT A MARKETING YEAR RUNS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30.

3. MOST RECENT USITC QUARTERLY DATA ON DOMESTIC CANNED AND FROZEN MUSHROOM MARKET CONDITIONS IS SUMMARIZED BELOW: (DATA IS IN 000 POUNDS, DRAINED WEIGHT BASIS):

CARRY IN CARRY OUT DOMESTIC STOCKS 1/ STOCKS 1/ PRODUCTION 1/

JULY 1, 1976-

MARCH 31, 1977 10,745 18,156 72,767

JULY 1, 1977-

MARCH 31, 1978 22,744 18,544 67,743

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DOMESTIC EXPORTS IMPORTS APPARENT IMPORTS

SALES 2/ U.S. TO

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RATIO

JULY 1,1976- 68,186 256 52,480 120,410 43.6

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JULY 1, 1977-

MARCH 31,1978 74,756 155 62,458 137,059 45.6

FOOTNOTE 1/ CANNED MUSHROOMS ONLY; CARRY-IN AND CARRY-OUT STOCKS REFER TO CANNERS' INVENTORIES OF CANNED MUSHROOMS AT THE BEGINNING AND END RESPECTIVELY, OF TIME PERIOD.

FOOTNOTE 2/ INCLUDES MINOR QUANTITIES OF FROZEN MUSHROOMS IN ADDITION TO CANNED MUSHROOMS. VANCE

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